

***Pseudophilotes vicrama schiffmuelleri*
confirmed from the Greek island of Kós
(Lycaenidae)**

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Summary. The presence of the little blue *Pseudophilotes vicrama schiffmuelleri* (Hemming, 1929) on the Greek island of Kós is confirmed.

Zusammenfassung. Das vorkommen des kleinen Bläulings *Pseudophilotes vicrama schiffmuelleri* (Hemming, 1929) auf der griechischen Insel Kós wird bestätigt.

Résumé. La présence du petit lycène *Pseudophilotes vicrama schiffmuelleri* (Hemming, 1929) sur l'île grecque de Kós est confirmée.

Key words: Lycaenidae, *Pseudophilotes vicrama schiffmuelleri*, Greece, Kós

In a recent synthesis on the butterflies of the Greek island of Kós (Olivier & De Prins, 1996), 46 species were reported from this island. In the closing discussion, the authors commented on the curious “absence” of the little blue *Pseudophilotes vicrama schiffmuelleri* (Hemming, 1929), the more as the species is known from the surrounding smaller islands of Kálimnos, Léros and Níssiros (Olivier, 1996, 1997 and unpublished).

Recently, however, Tolman & Lewington (1997: 97) included Kós among the Greek islands from where it is known and Pamperis (1997: 154) indicated its presence on the island as well on his distribution map, both these authors basing their record on putative data from literature while, as far as I am aware, this butterfly had never been reported from there so far.

In November 1997, while visiting the Zoological Museum of Amsterdam, I came across two male specimens with the labels “10 km SE Kós/0–200 m/28.IV.1993/leg. P. Oosterbroek & C. Hartveld” and thus the occurrence of this lycaenid on Kós is confirmed at last.

With this addition, the island of Kós includes all the butterfly species currently known from the neighbouring islands of Ká-

limnos and Léros. *P. vicrama schiffermuelleri* remains unknown from the adjacent Bodrum Peninsula on the Turkish mainland (Olivier, 1998), but this is most probably due to insufficient exploration of this area in spring.

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